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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 5, 2004, in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121 (i.e., Group I with Claims 1-18 drawn to a skimmer system, Group II 19-23 drawn to a cover; and Group III with Claims 24-32 drawn to an access assembly).

Applicant hereby elects the Group I invention with Claims 1-18 readable thereon drawn to a skimmer system for initial prosecution without traverse.